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August 24, 1984

Uintah County Commission  
Uintah County Courthouse  
Vernal, UT 84078

ATTN: Neil Domgaard, Chairman

SUBJECT: ML 30576 (Mountain Fuel Tar Sand Property)

Dear Commissioner Domgaard:

You may recall several weeks ago I spoke with you concerning rumor of a pit being opened for tar sands on Section 32, T14S, R23E, SLB&M., of State Lands by a Mr. John Fairbanks. I have since located Mr Fairbanks' operation in the West Half of the Section. While out in the field, however, I discovered that a pit has also recently been opened in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of the Section. This is the area for which Uintah County recently filed application for a mining permit.

I am writing to inquire whether Uintah County is responsible for this new disturbance or has commenced any operations on these lands since I last spoke with you. If not, I would be grateful for any information you may provide as to who the responsible party may be. We have no record of anyone being given final permission by the State to conduct mining operations on any part of Section 32.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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